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15 The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the metering device is formed as a rotary-vane feeder.

16. The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the metering device is formed as a metering rotor scale.

17. The apparatus of Claim 14, wherein the metering device is formed as a horizontal lock.

18. The Apparatus of Claim 14, wherein return feed cells of the rotary-vane feeder are filled to level of about 20-40%.

## **REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are to more closely conform the application to U.S. practice. No new matter is added. Entry of the amendments is respectfully requested.

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